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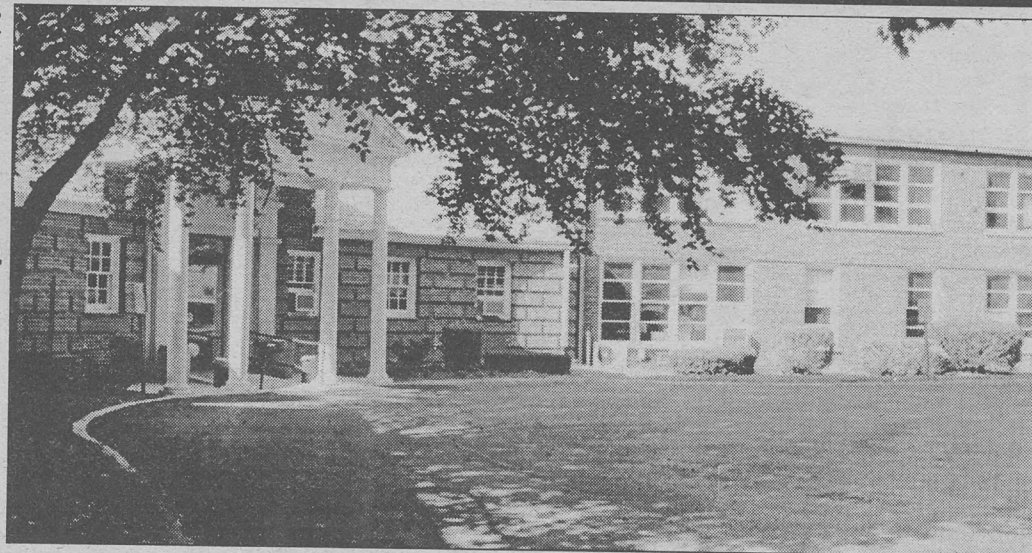
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Mount Vernon College will become the George Washington University at Mount Vernon College.



Trustees incorporate MVC into University community

by Shruti Date
Asst. News Editor

An 18-month transition will transform Mount Vernon College, which GW has financially controlled since October 1996, into a part of GW.

The 122 year-old women's college in the picturesque northwest edge of the District will become the George Washington University at Mount Vernon College by June 30, 1999.

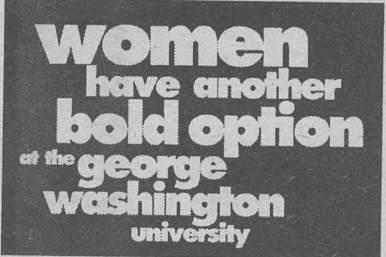
GW became affiliated with MVC when it assumed responsibility for the financially struggling college's \$6.5 million debt to Georgetown University.

The college continued to run as an independent institution, with GW chipping in to repair aging facilities and rebuild MVC's infrastructure.

"MVC had been deteriorating," said GW Director of Public Affairs Mike Freedman. "Part of our respon-

sibility was improving the infrastructure and creating stability."

Along with the financial help, GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg "made a commitment to give us a chance to make it (financially) on our



own...GW gave us some time," MVC Interim President Grae Baxter said.

But to continue to operate independently, the women's college would need to pass certain benchmarks, Baxter said.

Primarily the institution would

need to eliminate its deficit by June 1998. Baxter said this will not be feasible. And enrollment would need to be at 800 for fiscal viability, according to the September GW Faculty Senate meeting minutes. But the enrollment stands at about 553.

"It is clear to everyone that we can not make it on our own," Baxter said.

Thus, MVC trustees "approved in principle the elements of a plan" to incorporate the women's college into GW, according to a letter sent to students by Baxter Dec. 23, the day of the trustees' meeting.

Toward incorporation

The plan said juniors and seniors must complete Mount Vernon College requirements and earn degrees through the college by May '98 and '99.

MVC coursework will not be

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Committee to vote on Commencement

by Matt Berger
Asst. News Editor

The University's Commencement Committee is expected to recommend a venue for this year's ceremony Friday - either the new MCI Center or the Ellipse. But the University lacks funds to hold Commencement on the Ellipse this May, said the University's special events director and committee member Lynn Shipway.

Shipway said a reduced special events budget for Commencement falls short of the money necessary to hold the ceremony on the Ellipse.

"This year's cut is a real problem,"

Shipway said. "We are talking about a significant amount of money."

According to the committee, the University budget of \$372,000 for this year's Commencement is a \$210,000 drop from last year's expenses.

Last year's Commencement was \$200,000 over budget, according to Walter Bortz, vice president for administrative and information services. He said the amount was not increased this year because of possible expense reductions for the weekend or a move to the MCI Center.

"We anticipated there were things we could do to decrease the cost of having the event on the Ellipse, and anticipated a possible change of

venue," Bortz said.

If Commencement is on the Ellipse, major budget cuts would be necessary, such as canceling Monumental Celebration, the gala held before Commencement, and making graduates pay for their own regalia, Shipway said. She said she expects the committee to make recommendations for cost-saving measures if it recommends the Ellipse.

"We will change ways to do things on the Ellipse without compromising the event, but eliminating some of the cost," she said. "If (GW President Stephen Joel) Trachtenberg decides

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Facility approved with limitations

BZA passes health and wellness center

by Becky Neilson
News Editor

The District's Board of Zoning Adjustment voted unanimously Wednesday to approve the University's plan to build a health and wellness center.

After months of hearing testimony from supporters and critics of the proposal, the zoning board agreed to let GW proceed as long as the center closes by 10 p.m. Monday through Saturday and by 8 p.m. Sundays.

GW Associate Vice President for Business Affairs Al Ingle said the zoning board could opt to limit the users of the building by restricting the groups of people who have access to the facility.

For example, he said the BZA could stipulate that only students will have access to the wellness center while restricting faculty, staff or alumni from using the facility.

If the board did choose that route, however, Ingle said he is not sure how it would implement the limitations.

Ingle said he expects details on the board's building use limitations within the next few weeks.

But despite the conditions that the city has placed on the center's use, members of the GW community said they see the BZA's decision as an encouraging end to the University's struggle to build the center at the corner of 23rd and G streets.

"This couldn't be better news; I'm really excited about it," said

Student Association President Kuyomars "Q" Golparvar.

Golparvar said that while the 10 p.m. closing time is not ideal, it is a worthwhile sacrifice to secure the BZA's approval.

Ingle said the University will proceed immediately with the design phase of the project, and he said he expects construction to begin by the end of 1998. Once construction begins, Ingle said the building will take 15 to 18 months to complete.

"I'm planning to offer student input at every step along the way," Golparvar said. "I'm positive that Dr. Ingle will be very open to working with students."

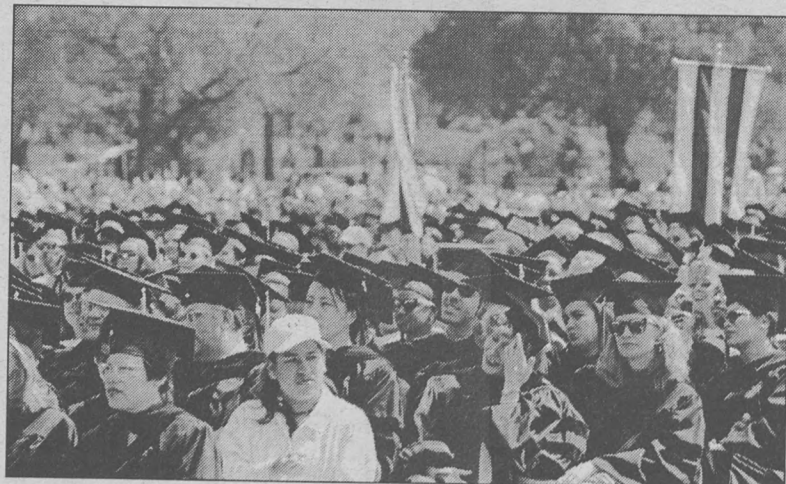
The battle began when the University's original plan to build a health and wellness center was rejected by the BZA in 1994 by a vote of 3-2, and the board asked the University to present modifications to the plan.

The push last fall to gain the District's approval for the building was met with criticism from community members who feared it would create a disturbance in the Foggy Bottom neighborhood.

"This building is going to have intense use and an effect on its surrounding area," Foggy Bottom Association President Ellie Becker said at an Oct. 1 zoning board hearing. "According to the campus plan, buildings such as this are to be centrally located."

Members of the Advisory

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The class of 1997 enjoys Commencement on the Ellipse.

Hatchet file photo

New dorms for alumni and 'Curves' for today's woman

Oh God. It's almost over.

I have recently come to the realization that life as I know it is about to end. No more students, no more books. No more teachers, dirty looks. My life is about to change radically, and I'm starting to panic.

Fortunately, the good people at George Washington have everything under control. Thanks to the office of residential life (or whatever their new name is), I'm set for housing next year. Didn't you get that letter? The one that said to make sure to get your housing deposit in before Feb. 1? Yep, that's the one.

At first, I got really, really angry at the University for making such a stupid mistake to send those letters to a graduating senior like myself. I first started to wonder how much money was wasted by sending all of these letters out.

But my Dad reminded me of something else. Most seniors are awfully mad at the proposition of having graduation moved from the Ellipse, because according to the administration "it costs too much." And now we get this letter. I think this is great! Finally, the administration has figured out a way to circum-

vent the whole alumni giving thing, and they've figured out a way to pay for the Ellipse this May. If you figure that 1,000 people will graduate, and they each send in \$300, we've got enough money to rent the MCI Center twice! Woohoo! After-graduation kegger at Abe Pollins'!

My mom had a different take, and I've got to agree with her. All of the graduating seniors who got this letter from Paul Barkett should call him up at 994-6688 and thank him for the generous offer.

Figure that we spend about \$500 a month for housing, and compare that

to prices in other places around town - we get free security and have to sign guests in, all for less money. Let's see Columbia Plaza try to top that. I, for one, am sending in my 300 bucks.

And Mr. Barkett, thanks. I was worried about where I'd live once I graduated from college. I bet I get a *really* great lottery number this year. What's the range of numbers for alumni, anyway?

Since I don't have to worry about housing next year, I've been trying to catch up on my TV watching the last couple of weeks. (Because I won't be able to watch TV once I get a job and probably won't have cable in my alumni residence next year.) Anyway, I've got to say, there are some weird things for sale on Channel 23 these days.

During the day, when more women watch TV, there's an infomercial running between "Gomer Pyle, USMC" and "I Love Lucy" reruns for a prosthetic breast called "Curves."

Now I must preface this by saying that would be a great idea if it was used primarily for breast cancer survivors or for victims of a crime that needed a prosthetic breast.

But these "Curves" aren't anything like that.

From what I understand, you slip a "curve" into your bra and they gel

into what you've already got in there. The infomercial shows all sorts of really small-breasted women who are in love with their now-huge chests. Here's where I find my problem.

Speaking on behalf of all guys everywhere, we like a really good set of breasts on a woman. Nothing like them. But more important is a self-confident woman behind the breasts.

Basically, the only thing that I can compare "Curves" to is a clip-on tie. Picture the scene: You and your boyfriend, after a romantic evening, go back to your alumni residence hall (named such until GW can find a proper name for it) and you pull off his clip-on. Freaky, huh?

Women: No matter what size you are, DON'T wear a prosthetic breast for cosmetic purposes. (PLEASE!)

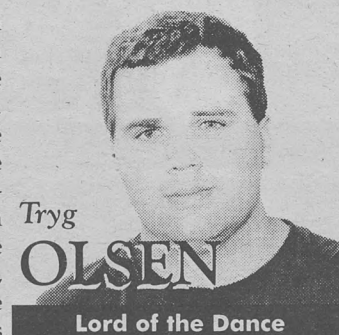
And another thing: Does Time-Life make anything besides '80s collections? Cool Rock, Hot Rock, Hard Rock, Rock Rock, Sean Connery in *The Rock*, Crappy Rock. AUGH!

The best part of the '80s was leaving the bad music behind!

On a related note, I understand that with my \$300 deposit, Paul Barkett will send along GW *Rock* free of charge, on eight-track or cassette.

Boy, now that's an infomercial worth buying.

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Mick's removed from meal plan

by Monique L. Harding
News Editor

Students no longer can use GWorld debit points at Mick's restaurant and will face problems using the service at other local restaurants as well.

"Extensive errors on the GWorld card system" caused the service to be stopped, said Mick's restaurant manager Shawn McKee.

McKee said he was called at his home Dec. 8 and told to remove GWorld equipment in the middle of the dinner shift.

Signs were posted in residence halls Dec. 9, and McKee said he posted signs in the restaurant for a week to prevent inconvenience to students.

McKee said having his restaurant removed from GW's meal plan "left a bad taste in (his) mouth." He also said, if invited back on the meal plan, he would not rejoin. "They were extremely unprofessional."

Since the installation of the new cardreaders for the GWorld card during fall semester, GW officials "said they would assume responsibility for any invalid transaction ... because the card reader was not working."

McKee said.

McKee said he called GWorld Manager Michele Neyers to make her aware of the mishaps with the equipment. McKee said GW officials told him to handwrite every transaction through the GWorld card.

"Documentation for each individual transaction is executionally impossible," McKee said.

Neyers was unavailable for comment.

The coupon printed in The GW Hatchet's basketball preview issue Nov. 15 will be honored at Mick's until Feb. 1, he said. He also said he plans to make a special for Valentine's Day.

Students said they are disappointed about Mick's being removed from the meal plan.

"Too bad for the students," Student Association President Kuyomars "Q" Golparvar said. "They definitely enjoyed having Mick's on the meal plan. I guess Mick's has not been properly administering the equipment. I wish Mick's had worked on problems earlier instead of two months into the semester."

Sophomore Darshana Lele said she was disappointed because she ate at Mick's once a week using her

debit card.

"(About four years ago) I know for a fact, we could eat at so many restaurants and Friday's was one of them. It seems like they only want us to spend our money at J Street. And sometimes you need a change.

"I won't go back to Mick's because it is off the plan ... so now I'll try Hunan Peking," Lele added.

Subway on 20th and K streets closed during the winter break, which leaves Hunan Peking and Delhi Deli as the only off-campus partners that accept GWorld debit points.

Hunan Peking's manager Kevin O said he has had no problem with the card readers, but must write students' names, addresses, ID numbers and phone numbers manually because the system is not connected to Dining Services in the Marvin Center.

Delhi Deli's Susan Paul, the owner's sister, said GW has not reactivated their card readers for the spring semester. "The cardreader is (here but) not connected. They did not give any reason. We're waiting to hear from them."

Paul, however, said "students are not going to stop eating here, they like the food."

BZA approves wellness center

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Neighborhood Commission also spoke against the center, citing noise and increased traffic flow among their problems with the facility.

At an Oct. 15 hearing, ANC Commissioner Dorothy Miller, who spoke on behalf of the Columbia Plaza Tenants' Association, questioned the University's priorities in campus planning.

"There has been a 40 percent increase in enrollment at GW since

1994. During that time, one new residence hall has been built which houses an additional 400 students," Miller said. "As a result, Columbia Plaza, as well as other apartment buildings around GW's campus, have effectively become student dormitories."

Among those who testified for the University last fall were Ingle, students and architects working on the building's design.

In early December, the BZA postponed its scheduled vote and

planned an additional hearing for Dec. 17. Ingle said members of the ANC and the commission's attorneys cross-examined the architects, GW's traffic expert and Director of Architecture, Engineering and Construction Michelle Honey at the hearing.

The facility, which will be built next to St. Mary's Episcopal Church, will house squash, basketball and racquetball courts, an indoor track, a weight-training facility and multipurpose rooms for aerobics classes.

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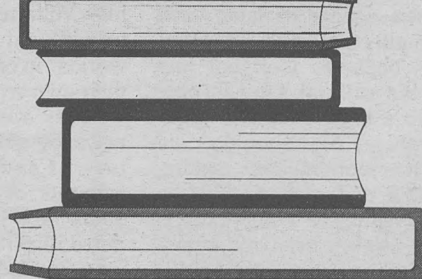
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The 122-year old tradition of Mount Vernon College as an independent institution of higher learning for women will end as of June 1999. After that date, MVC will become the George Washington University at Mount Vernon College. For the students of Mount Vernon, this decision finally will put to rest some of their anxieties about the future of their college.

But they now have a entirely new set of unanswered questions to worry about. No longer will they deal with administrators and faculty on a personal basis. Welcome to GW.

The merging of the two schools is the best option for both. For Mount Vernon, it will not face total obliteration, and its infrastructure will continue to get desperately needed improvements. However, most MVC professors will be "phased out" of their jobs.

For GW, the merger and acquisition of a significant amount of new land means many new possibilities and options, both for the University and its students. The challenge for the University is to develop plans that best deal with the needs of its students, while at the same time keeping in mind the long and independent tradition of Mount Vernon. The students of MVC must be carefully integrated into the GW community. MVC should not simply be viewed as GW's latest piece of real estate to be exploited as much as possible.

The best way to ensure the transition is as smooth and painless as possible is to maintain open lines of communication between the University and MVC students. This is where the anxiety starts. GW does not have the best track record of listening to its students. A tendency exists to rule by decree rather than by seeking consensus and approval. To the MVC students who have known their administration on a friendly level, do not be surprised to discover a lack of compassion from the folks here at Foggy Bottom. The key is for the University to be sympathetic to the needs of its newest students.

The minority's tyranny

Public school superintendents in two Maryland counties recently removed works by acclaimed African-American authors from high school curricula. Maya Angelou's *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* was dropped for ninth graders in Anne Arundel County. Toni Morrison's *Song of Solomon* is no longer an approved text in St. Mary's County.

In both cases, the books drew criticism from small groups of parents claiming they are "trash" and "anti-white." And in both cases, these factions superseded faculty recommendations to keep teaching the books.

Instead of allowing students to be exposed to as wide a variety of literature as possible, these parents would rather limit the education of not only their children – but all children in the county's public schools.

In the past, books targeted for a ban of one sort or another have usually been those viewed as negatively portraying African Americans. This is one of few instances of "reverse banning."

Education at its best exposes people to various viewpoints and perspectives. By dipping into literature, readers are exposed to powerful, thought-expanding language, characters and situations. These works challenge students to think.

It is troubling that a small group of simple-minded parents can influence the reading curriculum for an entire school district. Children go to school to learn new things. A tyranny of the minority should not be the sole deciding factor for the majority.

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Opinions

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The complexities of specialization

Life has gotten much too complicated, runs a common complaint. We have to make decisions about so many things that once seemed automatic. These endless bits and pieces include decisions about which phone company to use, which college to attend and which major to choose, how to handle our pensions, and whether or not to buy corn-oil margarine at the supermarket.

But no sooner are complaints like that out in the open air than we are tempted by a reverse point of view. Can you imagine all of the ways in which we were once bound hand-and-foot by what now look like dubious authorities? Less than a century ago, we idolized "The Doctor" – any doctor – because that sacred figure wore a stethoscope and had a medical degree on the wall of his or her office.

The nickname for the monopolistic phone company was "Ma Bell" – which of course betrayed our tendency to identify such huge controlling organizations with the parents of our early childhood. And when advertisements told us that "statistics" had proven this or that, we seldom replied: "Statistics from where? Interpreted by whom?"

In the world of 1998, therefore, we move easily from complaining about our complicated lives to complaining about how cynical and divided a nation we have become. We feel loaded up with "the need to interpret." And we seem trapped by a cycle that keeps upping our levels of doubt, encourages advertisers and promoters to keep upping their sophistication and their special effects, and moves us ever closer to becoming so skeptical that we can easily become bitter.

But there is another way of interpreting our current condition – one that ties it to a much longer historical cycle. There are times in human history when, at least as seen in retrospect, consensus seems to be the rule within particular social orders. Such moments often occur in decentralized rural societies whose prevailing patterns extend across relatively short geographical distances.

And then, sooner or later, such narrow intellectual and spiritual boundaries begin to look not just intolerable but artificial. After all, people begin to ask, isn't there a larger world out there? And shouldn't we find ways of accounting for it, making contact with it, and adapting to it?

At that point we embark on a paradoxical form of behavior, whose strategy of integration requires a marked growth in specialization. To get a better hold on an enlarging reality, we appoint detail-hungry explorers as our guides. They nibble away at our previous mental borders, and by doing so they begin to fill our minds with detail. A few years or decades or

centuries of this, and we find ourselves feeling hopelessly cluttered. Life, we find ourselves nostalgically lamenting, was once so much simpler.

Historical examples of this process can easily be found. Citizens of the Roman Empire never quite let go of their yearning for the pre-imperial Roman Republic, when even the most effective soldiers were supposedly ready, once victory had been achieved, to return to their farms and their plows.

Our own desperate nostalgia for "roots" and "a sense of belonging" sound very closely related to what the Romans of the Empire felt when they contemplated all of the separate realities, from the island of Britain to the borders of Persia, that now purported to represent part of "Rome."

Feelings like that intensified when Romans turned their attention to matters of religion, which now included a host of cults and sects while showing less and less interest in the official reli-

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gion of Jupiter, June, Minerva and Mercury. Though few believed it at the time, the rise of political and theological specialization within a more and more theoretical Roman unity almost guaranteed the future emergence of a pervasive new order – the one we now call Christianity, which took a millennium or so to begin experiencing its own crisis of disintegration.

Another parallel might be the succession, in the Europe of the 18th and 19th centuries, of periods marked by "Enlightenment" and nationalism. Even as a Europe consisting of global empires came to be taken for granted, the fascination with a multitude of American, African and Asian peoples just recently discovered by European adventurers became ubiquitous in Western civilization. Major authors like Voltaire and Samuel Johnson turned naturally to these "new worlds" in order to criticize or satirize their own world.

They were emulated, in various ways, by a host of lesser cultural figures. Captain Cook's published accounts of what he found in the South Seas included beautifully rendered illustrations of a host of people who looked wonderfully different from the inhabitants of London and Paris.

Meanwhile, the rising interest in scientific discovery, shared on an international basis, saw to it that less and less of what once seemed "obvious" could any longer be taken

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for granted.

As the world grew ever more complicated, the simplifying force we call nationalism held forth a dramatic level of appeal. During the Enlightenment, medieval monuments were often dismissed as "Gothic" – products of the backward period known as the Middle Ages. When such monuments could be seen as seedbeds of a national consciousness, however, they became synonymous with youthful energy and enthusiasm. And in one of the most dangerous maneuvers ever executed by the history of ideas, "barbaric" became an adjective of praise rather than contempt.

As we struggle with our own feelings of "too-muchness," and are bombarded with information by the electronic and print media, are we getting ready for some new revival of grand generalization? That is the concern, typically, of all the columnists and commentators and talk show participants who pump the media up to ever-larger proportions. Of all the phenomena cluttering up our minds, they typically ask, which is the one that tells us the most about who we actually are?

We can't seem to find enough things to care about. But our addiction to multiplicity makes unity an ever more desired experience. Those who try to find it by choosing a new religion often find, however, that their sense of skepticism is only temporarily left behind. Meanwhile, nearly every organized belief-pattern from the established churches to the established political parties and the established newspapers complains about not being able to hang onto its one-time participants or clients or customers, who have either lost interest or gained disbelief.

Caught somewhere between our hunger for philosophical integration and our hunger for specialized knowledge, we soon learn to identify pleasure with resistance. To enjoy a steak or a cigar, we have to ignore the latest discoveries about human health. To believe what our national leader claims is the truth, we have to look past the barrages of derision stimulated by his or her every utterance. We're perpetually apologizing about all the knowledge we haven't yet had time to assimilate – which is why we absolutely have to read the latest best-seller or attend the current blockbuster art exhibit.

Meanwhile, how deeply we long for the feeling of life as a comfortable cocoon, whose embrace protects us from sentiments of doubt. And wouldn't the history of that sentiment make possible an eye-opening blockbuster exhibit?

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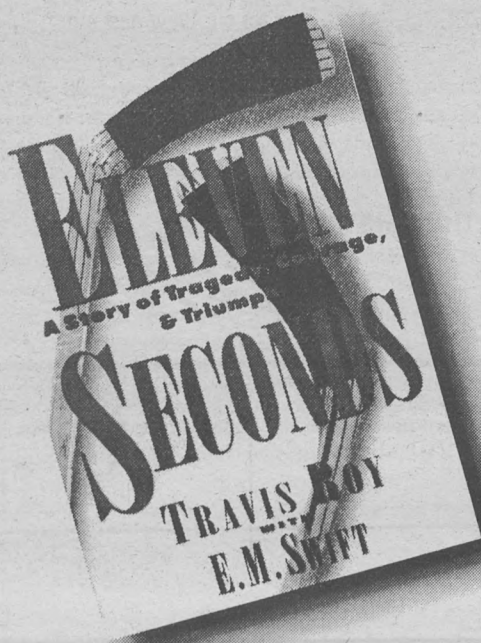
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Eleven Seconds explores life's quick transformations Collegiate hockey player Travis Roy reveals his life before and after his paralyzing accident

by Heather Hare
Arts Editor

It is hard to imagine how fast life can change. Does anyone really believe that in 11 seconds a healthy, athletic 20-year-old man can become immobilized for life?



For the now-famous Travis Roy, that is reality. In a new book written by the young hockey player, *Eleven Seconds* (Warner Books), Roy reveals everything about the accident and his life since.

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The story is so textbook, so heartbreakingly predictable. Going into a book as tragic as this one, a reader might expect a black hole of self-pity and regrets. But Roy does not mire the reader in frustration and bible quotes. He tells his story plainly, emotionally. The times he mentions anything remotely bitter can be counted on one hand.

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The most important thing a reader will take from the book is the author's optimistic and strong mindset. Huge hurdles will seem smaller, goals within grasp.

Roy never assumes the reader knows everything about his situation, and he never makes the reader feel embarrassed about not knowing. He explains the difference between quadriplegics and paraplegics and gives details about his wheelchair and various other devices.



As an aspiring hockey player, Travis Roy had ambitions to eventually play in the National Hockey League.

Because of its narrative voice, *Eleven Seconds* is an easy read in three or four hours. It is as if Roy is speaking through the book. Do not be fooled by the simple wording because the feelings it evokes are far from simple. The story of a young man going from finding joy in the finesse of scoring a goal on the ice to figuring out how to do a figure eight with a sip-and-puff wheelchair, is loaded with powerful emotions.

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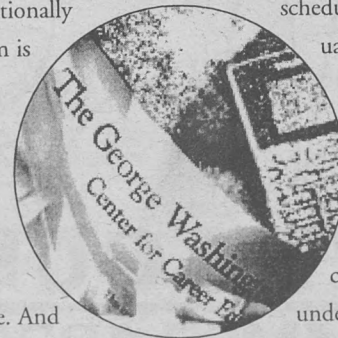
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The Central Intelligence Agency regarded GW as a "hot spot" during the late sixties and early seventies, according to a set of formerly-secret documents released last week under the Freedom of Information Act.

The CIA clipped campus newspapers and kept in contact with campus informants from December 1967 to June 1973 in an effort to learn more about this threat, the "Project Resistance" records say.

Some of the newly-released documents refer directly to GW. One memo, dated Dec. 9, 1968, details a conversation between a CIA agent

CIA in Sixties Concerned About GW

and an informant at the student union cafeteria.

The informant, according to the agent's memo, "advised that the active membership of Students for a Democratic Society was approximately 100, but that the strength of the organization, counting sympathizers, is between four and five hundred ... it was his opinion, and strictly his opinion, that the demonstration (at President Nixon's inauguration) will lead to riots, possibly as severe as the

April 1968 riots."

April 1968 riots."

In one report, filed right before the opening of the fall 1969 semester, GW is grouped with Columbia and Harvard as a "hot spot." According to this report, the "well reasoned objective ... of (President Lloyd H.) Elliott at George Washington ... is to keep campus revolt familial if possible, localized if possible and under control

within the academic commune." The report also said that GW "will increase its Negro enrollment by 25 percent."

According to the agency's report to its files summarizing Project Resistance, "The file reflects that the Deputy Director for Support (a CIA official) was concerned because student demonstrations began to show a

sense of organization, central direction, commonality of demonstrations and techniques, and common or repeated phraseology in literature and materials. In essence: organization."

Another document details the plans of GW and other D.C. schools for Nixon's first inauguration. "The George Washington University chapter of SDS expects to be active during the weekend and allegedly will muster some 3,000 to 5,000 demonstrators and sympathizers," the report says.

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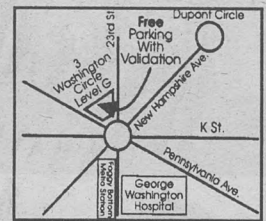
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GW to take over MVC in 1999

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offered past the spring semester of '99 and students already have started taking courses at GW this semester.

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program, MVC students will be eligible for 50 percent discounts to enroll in GW master's programs.

Current MVC graduate students must complete their coursework by June 1999 when the college will cease to exist as a separate institution.

Furthermore, these two graduating classes and other alumnae of MVC can become alumnae of GW because their alma mater is now connected to GW, Baxter said.

In addition, MVC freshmen and sophomores are eligible to transfer to GW for the '98-'99 academic year and have the option to apply for housing at the Foggy Bottom campus. Freshmen GW women can opt to begin their college careers living on the Mount Vernon campus instead of Foggy Bottom.

For incoming students the MVC campus also will offer three exclusive programs: women and power, entrepreneurial leadership for women, and women and design.

Faculty and staff members will be "phased out" during the 18-month transition, according to the Washington Post.

But Sylvia Benatti, an MVC alumna and coordinator of the MVC career services and study abroad office, said she hopes that GW has the insight to see what an asset it would be to keep these professors on the campus.

Anxieties

The new developments and the previous affiliation with GW have caused women on the close-knit campus a higher degree of anxiety than most anticipated, students said.

"The mental stress we had is something (GW) doesn't even know about," MVC freshman Mahwish Bajwa said. The uncertainty of the college's future forced students to undergo the application process again.

"I don't think those who are responsible are doing a good job informing us," MVC sophomore Jennifer Dawson said.

But Baxter said, "I have been absolutely meticulous about being open and honest."

One student leader said, "We have not had any real answers and we are given just enough information (from the administration) to keep us quiet so we don't cause trouble."

Benatti said that as a staff member, she did feel some frustration because she did not know until December what the affiliation between GW and MVC entailed. But she said that the nature of the negotiation inherently deterred disclosure of specifics.

MVC junior Katie Reidy said this lack of communication is a new element on their campus. She noted pertinent concerns such as the shuttle service between the two campuses and the availability of the GWorld card to MVC students have not been addressed.

"Students are being brushed aside," Reidy said. "The bureaucracy is taking over and the administration is being very secretive."

In the midst of this perceived information deficiency, a fear has arisen that not only will GW take over the land but also the students.

Bajwa, as well as other students, admits the financial and academic support of GW will be a blessing to MVC. But the University can benefit not only from additional grassy space, but also from the proactive spirit of the women's college, she said.

GW should, therefore, maintain the mission to specifically focus on women on the campus, Bajwa said.

"The bad thing would be if (GW) starts disgracing our identity, going back on its promise and betraying our trust," Bajwa said.



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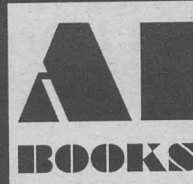
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University lacks funds for Ellipse

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that Commencement will be on the Ellipse, I assume that in doing that, he will have to resolve how we will fund that additional expense."

The committee is expected to vote on a venue to recommend to Trachtenberg at the Friday meeting, according to Student Association Kuyomars "Q" Golparvar.

Shipway said she thinks the MCI Center plan could fit into the current budget. Although the committee has not received cost estimates from Centre Management, the MCI Center's facilities operator, Shipway said she believes the cost would be significantly less than that for Commencement on the Ellipse.

The University already has reserved the arena for the day of Commencement, although no deposit has been given, said Pat Darr, Centre Management senior vice president for events.

Darr conducted a tour of the building for committee members and students in December and noted that the ceremony could be held either end-stage or in the round, which would hold 15,000 people.

But when the cost question was posed to Darr during the tour, Michael Peller, executive director of Student and Academic Support Services, said that it was too early to discuss pricing of the arena.

Shipway said, "I don't think it's unreasonable to believe that we could come in at budget in an indoor venue."

"People were impressed with the MCI Center facilities," Golparvar said. "They thought it was a terrific arena, but I am not sure everyone was convinced it was the right place for Commencement."

Shipway said she believes the MCI Center has real benefits, but also said she cannot escape emotional pleas from students to continue the Ellipse ceremony.

Cost is a factor determining the recommendation, but it will not be the main factor in determining which venue she votes for, she said.

"I think there are some other things that are equally important, if not more important," she said. "What I am looking for at the meeting is to appreciate the advantages of the Ellipse in the face of some very real risks that I cannot dismiss out of hand."

"Because of the overwhelming student desire to have it on the Ellipse, I would suspect, based on that, that it will be the consensus of the committee," said GW Law School Associate Dean John Jenkins, the committee's chair, during the tour of the MCI Center.

Jenkins is expected to determine whether the recommendation will be agreed on by acclamation or a vote, Shipway said.

But Golparvar said he believes

the group is not at a consensus, and is unsure whether a vote will occur. He said he expects the recommendation to be for this May and future years.

The committee will meet at 9:30 a.m. in room 413 of the Marvin Center.

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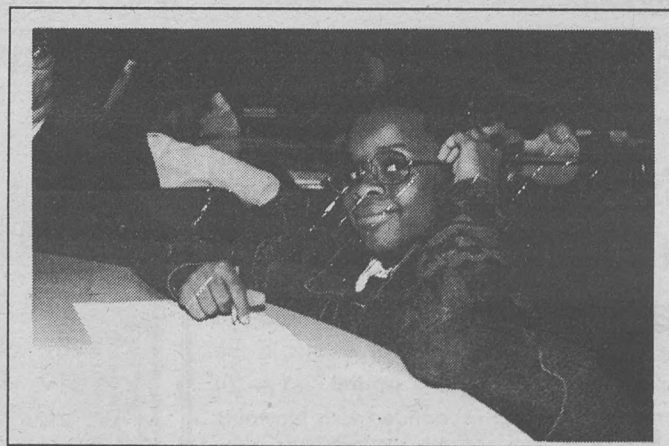


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UMass ends GW win streak

GW off to best start in 44 years despite 31-point loss

by Dave Adler and
Dave Mann

Hatchet Sports Writers

The GW men's basketball team showed during the past month that last season's lessons were well learned.

Throughout GW's disappointing 15-14 season of 1996-'97, Coach Mike Jarvis stressed that his young team still was learning how to win. In the last month, the more experienced Colonials have been winning games in bunches.

A Dec. 8 upset of then 19th-ranked University of Maryland sparked GW's eight-game winning streak. The winning streak ended Saturday in Amherst, Mass. with a 31-point loss to Massachusetts. Despite the loss, the Colonials (13-3, 2-1 Atlantic 10) are off to their best start in 44 years.

Jarvis said the loss to UMass shows GW still has learning to do. He said that after an eight-game winning streak, his team forgot it has to do more than just show up to win. "This was sort of like a hit on the head. Now maybe we know who we are again."

The Colonials won their first two A-10 games, topping La Salle and Duquesne at the Smith Center. GW faces 17th-ranked Xavier at home Wednesday in one of the most important conference games of the season.

UMass 79, GW 48

AMHERST, MASS. - GW's eight-game winning streak came to an abrupt end with a 79-48 loss to UMass at the Mullins Center Saturday.

GW had soared to a 13-2 record, its best start since 1953-'54, before running into the Minutemen (9-5, 3-0 Atlantic 10).

UMass dominated the Colonials in the paint on offense and defense. GW was outscored inside 47-28, out-rebounded by 12 and had eight shots blocked. Jarvis said in past games against UMass, GW had been able to control the inside game. That wasn't the case Saturday.

"We didn't do what we had to do and that was to establish an inside game," Jarvis said. "We allowed their big men to basically push us around and dominate the boards."

UMass senior Tyrone Weeks was a force inside with 14 rebounds and a career-high five blocks. He said he was motivated because GW had beaten the Minutemen twice in the Mullins Center during his career.

Weeks and junior center Lari Ketner kept GW center Alexander Koul in foul trouble the entire game and held him to just six points and a single rebound.

"We wanted to get Koul in foul trouble," said Ketner, who had 21 points and five rebounds. In the second half GW was forced to play forwards Antxon Iturbe and Francisco de

Miranda against Ketner because Koul was on the bench with four fouls.

GW trailed by 15 points at half-time, 40-25. UMass dealt GW the finishing blow midway through the second half with a 13-0 run and the Minutemen cruised through the rest of the game.

UMass jumped out to an early lead in the first half on tremendous outside shooting against GW's zone defense. The Minutemen shot 54 percent from three-point range for the game and 63 percent from beyond the arc in the first half. UMass guards Monty Mack and Charlton Clarke blitzed the GW zone for five three-pointers in the first 20 minutes.

Jarvis said he used the zone to take away mismatches posed by UMass' offense and to give Koul, who has been bothered by an injured ankle, a chance to get into the flow of the game.

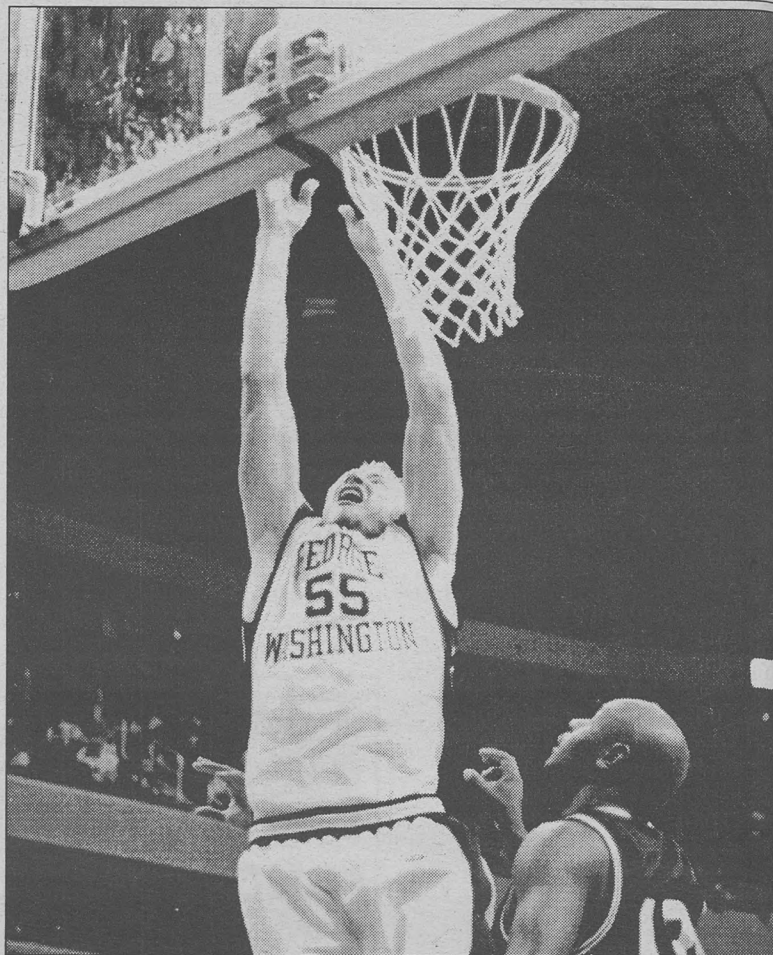
The game was already slipping away in the first half when the Minutemen went on a 7-0 run while GW point guard Shawnta Rogers rested for two minutes on the bench. Rogers did not score in the second half and finished with 10 points and just one assist.

"Shawnta took too many shots," Jarvis said of his point guard, who made just three of his 14 shots. He added that Rogers did not play selfishly, but that he was trying too hard to help the team win.

Prior to the game, the Minutemen raised a banner commemorating their trip to the NCAA Tournament last season. UMass Coach "Bruiser" Flint said this win was revenge for GW's victory in the A-10 Tournament last year, which put UMass' invitation to the NCAA Tournament in jeopardy. "We owe them," he said.

GW 90, Duquesne 68

Junior Shawnta Rogers had 16 points and 11 assists and freshman Mike King made his GW debut in a 90-68 win over Duquesne Jan. 7.



Claire Duggan/senior photo editor

Junior forward Yegor Mescheriakov scored 11 points to lead GW in Saturday's loss to UMass.

Yegor Mescheriakov and Alexander Koul added 14 and 12 points respectively, as GW held the Dukes to 37 percent first-half shooting and built a 23-point lead. The Colonials shot 53 percent in the first half and led 47-24 at halftime. GW had the game well in hand throughout the second half, coasting to its eighth consecutive win and a 2-0 record in the A-10.

King, a 6-5 shooting guard who just became eligible for the second semester, debuted with seven points in six minutes of playing time.

King, from Lake Clifton High School in Baltimore, was named to the Baltimore Sun's All-Metro first team as a senior. King signed a letter of intent in April, but did not meet the NCAA's minimum academic

requirements and spent the first semester in prep school. Jarvis saved GW's final scholarship for King, who became eligible for the second semester by getting a qualifying score on the SAT.

GW 78, La Salle 68

La Salle shot 33 percent in the second half, and GW held off the Explorers to win its A-10 opener Jan. 4.

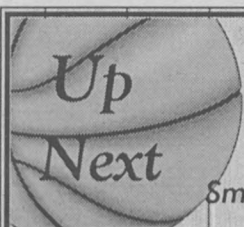
La Salle scored on its first possession of the second half to take a 38-37 lead. However, the Colonials responded with 54 percent second-half shooting and slowly pulled away for the win.

Koul led the Colonials with 19 points and 13 rebounds. Mescheriakov add 17 points and 7 rebounds.

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Ngongba	18	1-3	2	3	4	
Hazzard	4	0-2	0	0	0	
Camara	9	1-4	2	2	5	
TOTALS	200	15-51	33	19	48	
UMass	MIN	FG	REB	PF	PTS	
Babul	23	2-3	1	4	5	
Weeks	36	4-9	14	1	11	
Ketner	31	6-13	9	3	21	
Clarke	29	3-8	3	3	8	
Mack	28	6-14	3	2	19	
Depina	20	0-1	4	0	0	
Burns	3	0-2	1	0	3	
Kirkland	19	2-6	2	0	4	
Basit	11	4-5	6	5	8	
TOTALS	200	27-61	45	18	79	
GW	25	23	48			
UMass	40	39	79			

GW-Percentages: FG .294, FT .652. Three-point goals: 3-11 (Rogers 1-5, Krivosos 1-1, Camara 1-3), .273. Blocked shots: 2 (Iturbe, de Miranda). Assists: 5 (five with 1). Turnovers: 18 (Koul 5). Steals: 7 (Rogers, Ngongba 2).

UMass-Percentages: FG .443, FT .692. Three-point goals: 7-13 (Clarke 2-4, Mack 5-8), .538. Blocked shots: 8 (Weeks 5). Assists: 15 (Clarke 5). Turnovers: 16 (Depina 5). Steals: 6 (Ketner 2).



George Washington vs. Xavier

Smith Center, Wednesday, Jan. 14, 7 p.m.

The Colonials return home Wednesday to take on 17th-ranked Xavier in a showdown between two of the best teams in the Atlantic 10's West Division. The Musketeers (10-2 overall, 2-1 A-10) were upset at St. Bonaventure Jan. 3 but rebounded with blowouts of La Salle and Fordham last week. Xavier is led by one of the best backcourts in the country. Juniors Lenny Brown (16.5 ppg) and Gary Lumpkin (12.9 ppg) lead the team in scoring, along with forward Darnell Williams (16.3 ppg). Williams is joined up front by forwards Torrayne Braggs and James Posey to give Skip Prosser's club a strong frontcourt. GW lost both games to Xavier last season and the Colonials probably have to win Wednesday to challenge Xavier for the West Division title.

GW men's and women's basketball results

Men

Dec. 7	vs. Pennsylvania	66-62 W
Dec. 8	vs. Maryland	70-66 W
Dec. 13	at Old Dominion	58-56 W
Dec. 20	vs. UNC-Charlotte	93-83 W
Dec. 27	vs. Army	91-59 W
Dec. 28	vs. George Mason	82-69 W
Jan. 4	vs. La Salle	78-68 W
Jan. 7	vs. Duquesne	90-68 W
Jan. 10	at Massachusetts	79-48 L

Women

Dec. 8	at Princeton	69-51 W
Dec. 19	vs. Rider	91-49 W
Dec. 30	vs. Morgan St.	90-49 W
Jan. 2	vs. Xavier	63-58 L
Jan. 4	vs. Dayton	73-59 W
Jan. 6	at Western Kentucky	78-53 L
Jan. 10	at St. Bonaventure	86-81 W

GW finds win column more often with start of A-10 play

by **Dustin Gouker**
Asst. Sports Editor

Staying above the .500 mark is not usually a problem for the GW women's basketball team. Early in the 1997-'98 season, though, the Colonial women have struggled to hold on to a winning record.

Since a loss to cross-town rival American University that dropped GW to 2-3 on the season, the Colonial women have won five of their last seven games to improve to 7-5 and 2-1 in the Atlantic 10.

GW 86, St. Bonaventure 81

After trailing 38-37 at halftime, the Colonial women came back to beat St. Bonaventure University at the Reilly Center Saturday.

GW shot a blistering 59 percent from the field in the second half in coming back to beat the Bonnies (9-6, 1-2 A-10).

The Colonial women were led by sophomore guard Elisa Aguilar, who lit up the Bonnies for 32 points, including five three-pointers. Chasity Myers, Noelia Gomez and Marlo Egleston all joined Aguilar in double figures for GW.

Western Kentucky 78, GW 53

Western Kentucky University outscored GW by 20 points in the second half to beat the visiting Colonial women Jan. 6.

The Lady Hilltoppers repaid GW for a 88-63 drubbing the Colonial women handed them last year at the Smith Center when Western Kentucky was ranked 22nd in the nation.

Four players scored in double figures in the game for Western Kentucky, which improved to 12-3

with the win. GW's defense was able to limit the Lady Hilltoppers to just 31 percent shooting in the first half, but they came back in the second to connect on 61 percent of their shots.

GW was also badly outclassed inside, as Western Kentucky held a 59-29 edge in rebounding.

Sophomore guard Chasity Myers led the Colonial women with 20 points.

GW 73, Dayton 59

Five GW players broke into double figures to lift the Colonial women to a win over Dayton University Jan. 4 at the Smith Center, their first victory in the A-10.

Elisa Aguilar led all GW scorers with 15 points and nine assists. Forward Mandisa Turner turned in a double-double with 12 points and 11 rebounds, while Noelia Gomez added 13 points and eight boards.

The Colonial women struggled in the paint, though, as Gomez made just two of her 14 shots, and the Flyers out-rebounded GW 51-35.

GW's outside play was the difference in the game. The Colonial women burned Dayton from long range, hitting 10 of their 16 three-point attempts.

Xavier 63, GW 58

GW's two Spaniards, Elisa Aguilar and Noelia Gomez, combined for 52 of GW's 58 points, but their efforts weren't enough as the Colonial women dropped their league opener to Xavier Jan. 2.

The loss was the first A-10 home loss for GW in nearly three years. Penn State handed the Colonial women their last home A-10 loss Jan. 8, 1995, beating GW 75-64.

GW trailed by as many as 11 points in the second half, but the team came back to take a 54-52 lead on a three-pointer by Aguilar with 4:32 remaining in the game.

The Colonial women were able to score just four more points in the game, though, while they allowed Xavier to win the game from the free throw line. In the final four minutes, Xavier visited the charity stripe 13 times and made 11 of its free throws.

Aguilar led the Colonial women with 28 points and five three-pointers, while Gomez added 24 points. Just two other GW players broke into the scoring column to account for the team's other six points. The rest of the team combined to hit three of 26 shots from the field and none of its seven attempts from the free throw line.

GW also lost starting forward Petra Dubovcova for the season to a torn anterior cruciate ligament in her left knee. The freshman averaged 11.6 points and 6.4 rebounds per game.

GW 86, St. Bonaventure 81

GW	MIN	FG	REB	PF	PTS
Turner	35	3-4	8	1	7
Myers	32	6-11	3	5	17
Gomez	39	6-12	6	3	15
Egleston	34	4-8	4	4	13
Aguilar	38	10-21	6	4	32
Chiparus	3	0-0	0	0	0
Jefferson	1	0-0	0	0	0
Reid	14	0-1	3	0	0
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Deas	2	1-1	0	2	2
TOTALS	200	30-58	35	19	86

St. Bonaventure	MIN	FG	REB	PF	PTS
Waltman	36	10-18	12	4	27
Mathews	25	5-8	7	3	10
Vanco	30	3-4	0	2	6
Sober	15	2-4	1	0	6
Pawling	30	2-7	0	4	11
Lukenda	19	4-8	3	0	11
Brown	13	1-4	0	1	2
Fazio	18	2-7	3	5	8
Herzer	7	0-2	2	0	0
Petrak	7	0-2	1	1	0
TOTALS	200	29-64	34	20	81

GW-Percentages: FG .517, FT .741. Three-point goals: 6-14, (Aguilar 5-10, Egleston 1-4), .429. Blocked shots: 0. Assists: 14 (Reid 3). Turnovers: 26 (Gomez 7). Steals: 8 (Myers, Aguilar 3). St. Bon.-Percentages: FG .453, FT .760. Three-point goals: 4-9 (Lukenda 3-6, Waltman 1-1), .444. Blocked shots: 1 (Mathews). Assists: 17 (Waltman, Pawling 5). Turnovers: 17 (Mathews 4). Steals: 14 (Waltman 4).

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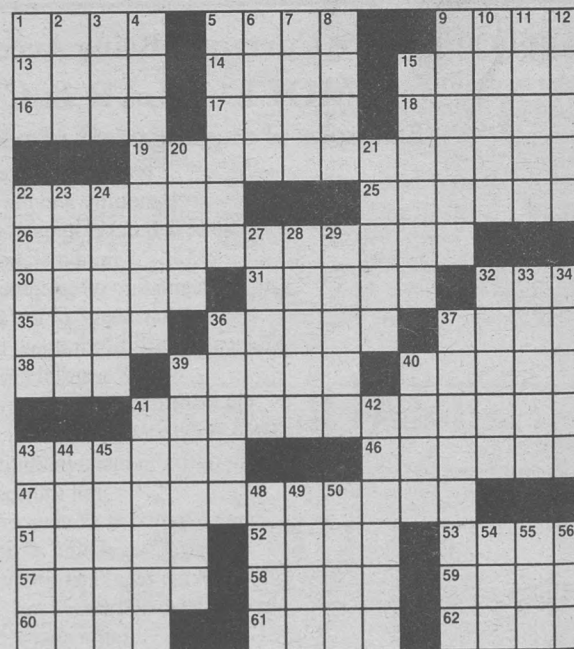
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- 43 Major oven maker
- 44 Doozies
- 45 Rock
- 48 Morning haze
- 49 Over, in Osterreich
- 50 Bygone phone call cost
- 54 Olympics chant
- 55 Gun, as an engine
- 56 Rap's Dr. —

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